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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 26 November 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

3 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

UNDOF (S/2001/1079)

Western Sahara (S/2001/1067)

Iraq (S/2001/1089)

Other matters

SECURITY COUNCIL WORKING GROUP ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

UNITED NATIONS MONITORING, VERIFICATION AND INSPECTION COMMISSION (UNMOVIC)

Seventh plenary meeting

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 1373 (2001) CONCERNING COUNTER-TERRORISM

11.30 a.m.	11th (closed) meeting*	Conference Room 7

* The Chairman of the Committee will give an oral briefing to interested Member States of the United Nations the same day at 5 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m. 62nd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the eighth annual report of the International Tribunal (A/56/352) [50]

2. Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the sixth annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal (A/56/351 and Corr.1) [51]

3. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) [45]

4. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [17]:

   (a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/625)

   (b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/626)

   (c) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors: report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/627)

   (d) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee: report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/628)

   (f) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission: report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/629)

3 p.m. 63rd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/384 and Corr.1) [20]

(a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations

   (i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/56/95, A/56/307)

   (ii) Note by the Secretary-General (A/55/649)

   (iii) Draft resolution (A/56/L.14)

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions

   (i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/56/158, A/56/264, A/56/269, A/56/338, A/56/361, A/56/389, A/56/412, A/56/470 and A/56/632)

   (ii) Draft resolutions (A/56/L.15, A/56/L.16)

(c) Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/447)

(d) Participation of volunteers, "White Helmets", in the activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/308)

(e) Assistance to the Palestinian people: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/123 and Corr.1)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. — 31st meeting — Conference Room 2

1. Macroeconomic policy questions: Trade and development [95 (a)] (A/56/15 (Suppl. No. 15 (Part I)), A/56/15 (Suppl. No. 15 (Part II)), A/56/15 (Suppl. No. 15 (Part III)), A/56/15 (Suppl. No. 15 (Part III/Add.1)), A/56/473, A/56/427, A/56/376, A/56/435 and A/C.2/56/4)

   Introductory statement

2. Globalization and interdependence [105] (A/56/445, A/56/222-S/2001/736 and A/56/364)

   Introductory statement

3. High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development [107] (A/56/28, A/56/222-S/2001/736 and A/56/306)

   Introductory statement

4. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [101]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.29

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. — 49th meeting — Conference Room 1

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [119 (b)]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/56/L.40, L.51, L.63, L.66 and L.69

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [119 (c)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.54

Racism and racial discrimination [117] (A/56/18, A/56/71, A/56/79, A/56/94, A/56/228, A/56/481, A/CONF.189/12 (Parts I*, II and III))

*Introduction and general discussion***

3 p.m.-4.30 p.m. — 50th meeting — Conference Room 1

Racism and racial discrimination [117] (A/56/18, A/56/71, A/56/79, A/56/94, A/56/228, A/56/481, A/CONF.189/12 (Parts I*, II and III))

*Continuation of general discussion***

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* To be issued.

** Subject to the issuance of A/CONF.189/12 (Part I).

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. — 29th meeting — Conference Room 3

1. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [123]

   Safety and security of United Nations personnel (A/56/469 and Corr.1 and A/56/619)

   Introduction and general discussion

2. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East [134]

   (b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (A/56/431 and Corr.1 and A/56/510 and Corr.1)

   Introduction and general discussion

3. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone [141] (A/56/487 and A/56/621)

   Introduction and general discussion

Morning*-1 p.m. — informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 127 (United Nations common system: Report of the International Civil Service Commission (A/56/30))

2 p.m.-4.30 p.m. — informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 127 (United Nations common system: Report of the International Civil Service Commission (A/56/30) and Strengthening the international civil service (A/54/483 and A/55/526))

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* Following the adjournment of the 29th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Executive session on UNTAET

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SECOND COMMITTEE

On Monday, 26 November 2001, there will be meetings of interested delegations on the following draft proposals:

Conference Room C: A/C.2/56/L.9 (item 98 (d)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room E: A/C.2/56/L.21 (item 97 (a)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room 6: A/C.2/56/L.13 (item 99 (a)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and

Conference Room 6: A/C.2/56/L.13 (item 99 (a)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for these consultations.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

Informal consultations on agenda item 113

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and the full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and of the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly", chaired by Mr. Carlos Enrique García González (El Salvador), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, will be held on Monday, 26 November 2001, at 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A.

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its second regular session (10-14 December 2001) will take place on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. All delegations are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 26 November 2001

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on a draft resolution on agenda item 95 (a) (Trade and development))

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT

10 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 104 (Training and research))

1.15 p.m. - 3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77
(on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance))

1.30 p.m. - 3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77
(international environmental governance)

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT
(open-ended consultations on the right to development)

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

BRIEFING ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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There will be a meeting of JUSCANZ *(Third Committee)* on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room B.

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Informal meeting

There will be a meeting of the Core Group of the Group of 77 on Habitat on draft resolutions under agenda item 102 on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 27 November 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m. 64th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba [34]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/276 and Add.1)

(b) Draft resolution (A/56/L.9)

3 p.m. 65th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Oceans and the law of the sea [30]

(a) Oceans and the law of the sea

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/58 and Add.1)

(ii) Report on the work of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea at its second meeting (A/56/121)

(iii) Draft resolution (A/56/L.17)

(b) Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/357)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/56/L.18)

Committees

	SECOND COMMITTEE	
10 a.m.	32nd meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	33rd meeting	Conference Room 2

	THIRD COMMITTEE	
10 a.m.	51st meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	52nd meeting	Conference Room 1

	FIFTH COMMITTEE	
10 a.m.	30th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
2 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 30th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 39 (Towards global partnerships)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 39 (Towards global partnerships), organized by the delegation of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), will be held on Tuesday, 27 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg) on Thursday, 29 November 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room E.

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COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold a solemn meeting from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, 29 November 2001, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People.

All Member States, United Nations bodies and agencies and observers are invited to attend. Messages of solidarity may be sent to room S-3350 (tel.: (212) 963-5172).

Screening of films

Also in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of two video-films entitled "Gaza Under Siege" and "Mahmoud Darwish: As the Land is the Language". Both films will be shown on Thursday, 29 November, at 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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In accordance with resolution 55/75, adopted by the General Assembly on 4 December 2000, the Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the 2002 Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will convene for the first time in Geneva on Friday, 3 December 2001, at 3 p.m. in Room XVII at the Palais des Nations.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (4-15 March 2002). There will be two panels focusing on the following thematic issues being taken up by the Commission: (1) Eradicating poverty, including through the empowerment of women throughout their life cycle in a globalizing world; and (2) Environmental management and mitigation of natural disasters: a gender perspective. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1259), no later than Friday, 7 December 2001.

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, 23 November 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Gabriela Martinic (Argentina), Chairperson of Working Group II dealing with agenda item 5 (Practical confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms) of the Disarmament Commission, would like to remind all delegations that the Working Group requested her to gather information on documents and meetings on existing confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms, to be provided by the delegations, preferably by 1 December 2001, on the understanding that they might submit further information at a later stage (tel.: (212) 688-6300, extension 226; fax: (212) 980-8395).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)* on Tuesday, 27 November 2001, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Global Peace, Security and Tolerance Post-September 11: New Solutions Involving Children and Youth", co-sponsored by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary General for Children and Armed Conflict and the United Nations Children's Fund, on Tuesday, 27 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in the conference room of the 23rd floor of the DC2 Building. Mr. Bacre Waly Ndiaye, Director, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, and a representative of the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, will be among the speakers. The discussion will be moderated by Mr. Josephus Theunissen, Chief of the Programme on Youth, Social Integration Branch of the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For more information please contact Ms. Kirsten Hagon (tel.: (212) 351-6677).

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Informal briefing

The Chairman of the United Nations Forum on Forests, Mr. Knut Øistad (Norway), will hold an informal briefing on preparations for the second session of the Forum, to be held in Costa Rica from 4 to 15 March 2002. The briefing will take place on Wednesday, 28 November 2001, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 9. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the German Management Academy (DMAN) are jointly organizing the annual Campus on Public-Private Partnership for Development of Infrastructure and Social Services. The campus, to be conducted in English, will be held in New York from Tuesday to Friday, 4 to 7 December 2001, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 and 963-9196).

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As from Thursday, 1 November 2001, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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A Web site of the Presidency of the Security Council has been established with effect on Thursday, 1 November 2001 and can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/ga/president. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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The English, French and Spanish Web sites of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.un.org/docs/sc/committees/1373; http://www.un.org/french/docs/sc/committees/1373; and http://www.un.org/spanish/docs/comites/1373/index.html.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org *or* http://www.un.int/indonesia.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: http://www.un.int/belgium.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE
Twenty-seventh session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 2001

500th (closed) meeting

Submission of reports by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [3]

The Committee adopted the conclusions and recommendations on the initial reports of Benin (CAT/C/21/Add.3) and Indonesia (CAT/C/47/Add.3).

501st meeting

Organizational and other matters [2]

The Committee considered the item.

Consideration of information under article 20 of the Convention [5]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item in closed session.

Submission of reports by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [3]

The Committee presented its conclusions and recommendations on the initial reports of Benin (CAT/C/21/Add.3) and Indonesia (CAT/C/47/Add.3) to the States parties' delegations in public session.

The Committee then adopted the conclusions and recommendations on the initial report of Zambia (CAT/C/47/Add.2) and on the third periodic report of Israel (CAT/C/54/Add.1) in closed session.

FRIDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 2001

502nd meeting

Submission of reports by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [3]

The Committee presented its conclusions and recommendations on the initial report of Zambia (CAT/C/47/Add.2) and on the third periodic report of Israel (CAT/C/54/Add.1) in closed session.

Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention [6]

The Committee concluded its consideration of item 6 in closed session.

Closure of the session

The President declared the twenty-seventh session of the Committee closed.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Twenty-seventh session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 2001

75th (closed) meeting

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

(b) Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant

The Committee adopted the concluding observations on the fourth periodic report of Sweden (E/C.12/4/Add.4).

76th (closed) meeting

Adoption of the report [9]

The Committee continued its discussion of its annual draft report to the Economic and Social Council, in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/7.

FRIDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 2001

77th meeting

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

(b) Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant

The Committee adopted the concluding observations on the second periodic report of France (E/1990/6/Add.27).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention relating to the status of Stateless Persons. New York, 28 September 1954

Accession: Hungary (21 November 2001)*

* Date of reception of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special event

The Global Launch of the United Nations Consolidated Inter-Agency Appeals for 2002 on the theme "Reaching the Vulnerable", sponsored by the Office of the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs and the Emergency Relief Coordinator, Mr. Kenzo Oshima, will take place on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 11 a.m. to 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The Secretary-General will lead the launch. The President of the Security Council, H.E. Ms. Mignonette Patricia Durrant (Jamaica), the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund, Ms. Thoraya Obaid, will attend the event. The Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator, Ms. Carolyn McAskie, will be the moderator. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Special tribute

There will be special tribute to the memory of Mr. Ismat T. Kittani, former President of the General Assembly, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and senior Iraqi diplomat, on Tuesday, 4 December 2001, at 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, with the participation of the Secretary-General. All attending are kindly requested to be seated in the Chamber by 11.45 a.m.

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Chairmen of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of November 2001 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Uganda
H.E. Mr. Matia Mulumba Semakula Kiwanuka

Asian States:
Syrian Arab Republic
H.E. Mr. Mikhail Wehbe

Eastern European States:
Hungary
H.E. Mr. André Erdös

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Honduras
H.E. Mr. Ángel Edmundo Orellana Mercado

Western European and other States:
Iceland
H.E. Mr. Thorsteinn Ingólfsson

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SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m. 4427th meeting Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation concerning Western Sahara

   Letter dated 12 November 2001 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2001/1067)

Morning* 4428th meeting Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in the Middle East

   Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (S/2001/1079)

Morning** 4429th meeting Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

   International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States, between 1 January 1994 and 31 December 1994

3.30 p.m. 4430th meeting Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998), 1203 (1998), 1239 (1999) and 1244 (1999)

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* To be held following the adjournment of the 4427th meeting.

** To be held following the adjournment of the 4428th meeting.

UNITED NATIONS MONITORING, VERIFICATION AND INSPECTION COMMISSION (UNMOVIC)

Seventh plenary meeting

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m.	64th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

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(d) Participation of volunteers, "White Helmets", in the activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/308)

(e) Assistance to the Palestinian people: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/123 and Corr.1)

2. Oceans and the law of the sea [30]

(a) Oceans and the law of the sea

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/58 and Add.1)

(ii) Report on the work of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea at its second meeting (A/56/121)

(iii) Draft resolution (A/56/L.17)

(b) Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/357)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/56/L.18)

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	50th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.- 4.30 p.m.	51st meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [114]

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/56/L.70, L.72, L.73 and L.74

2. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [119 (b)]

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/56/L.53, L.59, L.60-L.63 and L.69

3. Human Rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [119 (c)]

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/56/L.50, L.57 and L.58

4. Right of peoples to self-determination [118]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.31 and programme budget implication contained in A/C.3/56/L.77

5. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [119 (b)]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/56/L.41-L.49, L.51, L.52 and L.66

6. Human Rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [119 (c)]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.54

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 124 (Pattern of conferences: All outstanding issues (A/56/32, A/56/120/Rev.1, A/56/133, A/56/188, A/56/213 and Corr.1, A/56/261, A/56/277, A/56/293, A/56/299, A/56/300, A/56/339, A/AC.198/2001/8 and A/56/475))

2 p.m.- 4.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 122 (Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001) and 133 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations): Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly: Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.23 (Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects) (A/C.5/55/46 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and A/56/478)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Draft reports

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 39
(Towards global partnerships)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 39 (Towards global partnerships), organized by the delegation of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), will be held *today*, 27 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Today, 27 November 2001, there will be meetings of interested delegations on the following draft proposals:

Conference Room C: A/C.2/56/L.11 (item 98 (a)), 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room C-209B: A/C.2/56/L.10 (item 98), 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room D: A/C.2/56/L.15 (item 98 (b)), from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.;

Conference Room B: A/C.2/56/L.13 (item 99 (a)), 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

Conference Room 2: A/C.2/56/L.5 (item 103), 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and

Conference Room C-209B: A/C.2/56/L.8 (item 98 (g)), 4:30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for these consultations.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

Informal consultations on agenda item 113

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and the full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and of the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly", chaired by Mr. Carlos Enrique García González (El Salvador), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, will be held *today*, 27 November 2001, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet *today*, 27 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 27 November 2001

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on draft resolutions on globalization, debt, financing for development and trade)

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber
1.30 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 117 (Elimination of racism and racial discrimination))

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked countries)

2.45 p.m. - 3.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

ASIAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 102 (Implementation of the Habitat Agenda and outcome of the special session of the General Assembly on this topic))

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

BRIEFING ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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There will be a meeting of JUSCANZ *(Third Committee) today*, 27 November 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room B.

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There will be a meeting of the Core Group of the Group of 77 on the draft resolution on the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme under agenda item 98 (Environment and sustainable development), organized by the delegation of Kenya, *today*, 27 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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There will be a meeting of the African Group of the Least Developed Countries, organized by the delegation of Benin, *today*, 27 November 2001, at 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Global Peace, Security and Tolerance Post-September 11: New Solutions Involving Children and Youth", co-sponsored by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary General for Children and Armed Conflict and the United Nations Children's Fund, *today*, 27 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in the conference room of the 23rd floor of the DC2 Building. Mr. Bacre Waly Ndiaye, Director, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, and a representative of the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, will be among the speakers. The discussion will be moderated by Mr. Josephus Theunissen, Chief of the Programme on Youth, Social Integration Branch of the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For more information please contact Ms. Kirsten Hagon (tel.: (212) 351-6677).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 28 November 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	32nd meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	To be announced

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	52nd meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	53rd meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	30th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
2 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 30th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg) on Thursday, 29 November 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room E.

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COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold a solemn meeting from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, 29 November 2001, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People.

All Member States, United Nations bodies and agencies and observers are invited to attend. Messages of solidarity may be sent to room S-3350 (tel.: (212) 963-5172).

Screening of films

Also in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of two video-films entitled "Gaza Under Siege" and "Mahmoud Darwish: As the Land is the Language". Both films will be shown on Thursday, 29 November, at 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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In accordance with resolution 55/75, adopted by the General Assembly on 4 December 2000, the Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the 2002 Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will convene for the first time in Geneva on Friday, 3 December 2001, at 3 p.m. in Room XVII at the Palais des Nations.

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SECURITY COUNCIL

The Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1343 (2001) concerning Liberia will hold its 8th (closed) meeting* on Wednesday, 28 November 2001, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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* The Chairman of the Committee will give an oral briefing to interested Member States of the United Nations in the same room, immediately following the adjournment of the meeting.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (4-15 March 2002). There will be two panels focusing on the following thematic issues being taken up by the Commission: (1) Eradicating poverty, including through the empowerment of women throughout their life cycle in a globalizing world; and (2) Environmental management and mitigation of natural disasters: a gender perspective. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1259), no later than Friday, 7 December 2001.

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, 23 November 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Gabriela Martinic (Argentina), Chairperson of Working Group II dealing with agenda item 5 (Practical confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms) of the Disarmament Commission, would like to remind all delegations that the Working Group requested her to gather information on documents and meetings on existing confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms, to be provided by the delegations, preferably by 1 December 2001, on the understanding that they might submit further information at a later stage (tel.: (212) 688-6300, extension 226; fax: (212) 980-8395).

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There will be a meeting of JUSCANZ *(Second Committee)* on Wednesday, 28 November 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room C.

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Briefing

The Chairman of the United Nations Forum on Forests, Mr. Knut Øistad (Norway), will hold a briefing on preparations for the second session of the Forum, to be held in Costa Rica from 4 to 15 March 2002. The briefing will take place on Wednesday, 28 November 2001, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 9. Members of permanent missions and representatives of United Nations agencies are invited to attend.

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Briefing

There will be a briefing on the Microcredit Summit+5, to be held in November 2002 in New York, organized by the delegation of Bangladesh, on Wednesday, 28 November 2001, from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Ms. Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), will be among the participants. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Seminar

There will be a seminar on "Towards Empowered Development: Shifting the Frontiers", organized by the World Bank, on Thursday, 29 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Mr. Mats Karlsson, World Bank Vice-President for External Affairs and United Nations Affairs, will be the speaker. For more information, please contact the Office of the World Bank (tel.: (212) 986-8306).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the German Management Academy (DMAN) are jointly organizing the annual Campus on Public-Private Partnership for Development of Infrastructure and Social Services. The campus, to be conducted in English, will be held in New York from Tuesday to Friday, 4 to 7 December 2001, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 and 963-9196).

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As from Thursday, 1 November 2001, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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A Web site of the Presidency of the Security Council has been established with effect on Thursday, 1 November 2001 and can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/ga/president. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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The English, French and Spanish Web sites of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.un.org/docs/sc/committees/1373; http://www.un.org/french/docs/sc/committees/1373; and http://www.un.org/spanish/docs/comites/1373/index.html.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org *or* http://www.un.int/indonesia.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: http://www.un.int/belgium.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 26 November 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

62nd plenary meeting

Tribute to the memory of His Majesty Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah, late King of Malaysia

The General Assembly observed one minute of silence.

Statements were made by the representatives of Uganda (on behalf of the African States), the Syrian Arab Republic (on behalf of the Asian States), Hungary (on behalf of the Eastern European States), Iceland (on behalf of the Western European and other States), Uruguay (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States), the United States (as host country) and Malaysia.

Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the eighth annual report of the International Tribunal (A/56/352) [50]

The General Assembly took note of the eighth annual report of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia.

The President of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Norway, Malaysia, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey), Yugoslavia, Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 50.

Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the sixth annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal (A/56/351 and Corr.1) [51]

The General Assembly took note of the sixth annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.

The President of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey) and Malaysia; H.E. Mr. Jean de Dieu Mucyo, Minister of Justice of Rwanda; and the representative of Norway.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 51.

Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) [45]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of agenda item 45 and to include it in the provisional agenda of the fifty-seventh session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 45.

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [17]

(a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/625)

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/56/625), appointed the following persons as members of the Advisory Committee on the Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2002: Mr. Michiel Crom (Netherlands), Ms. Nazareth Incera (Costa Rica), Mr. Rajat Saha (India), Ms. Sun Minqin (China), Mr. Juichi Takahara (Japan) and Mr. Nicholas Thorne (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland).

(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/626)

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/56/626), appointed the following persons as members of the Committee on Contributions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2002: Mr. Henry Siegfried Fox (Australia), Mr. Bernardo Greivier (Uruguay), Mr. Hassan Mohammed Hassan (Nigeria), Mr. Eduardo Iglesias (Argentina), Mr. Omar Kadiri (Morocco) and Mr. Eduardo Manuel da Fonseca Fernandes Ramos (Portugal).

(c) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors: report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/627)

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/56/627), appointed the Chairman of the Commission of Audit of the Philippines as a member of the United Nations Board of Auditors for a six-year term of office beginning on 1 July 2002.

(d) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee: report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/628)

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/56/628), confirmed the appointment by the Secretary-General of the following persons as members of the Investment Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2002: Mr. Emmanuel Noi Omaboe (Ghana), Mr. Yves Oltramare (Switzerland) and Mr. Jürgen Reimnitz (Germany).

(f) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission: report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/629)

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/56/629), appointed the following persons as members of the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2002: Mr. Minoru Endo (Japan), Mr. João Augusto de Medicis (Brazil), Mr. Mario Bettati (France), Ms. Lucretia Myers (United States of America) and Mr. Alexis Stephanou (Greece).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 17.

63rd meeting

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/384 and Corr.1) [20]

(a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations:

(i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/56/95, A/56/307)

(ii) Note by the Secretary-General (A/55/649)

(iii) Draft resolution (A/56/L.14)

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions:

(i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/56/158, A/56/264, A/56/269, A/56/338, A/56/361, A/56/389, A/55/412, A/56/470 and A/56/632)

(ii) Draft resolutions (A/56/L.15, L.16)

(c) Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/447)

(d) Participation of volunteers, "White Helmets", in the activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/308)

(e) Assistance to the Palestinian people: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/123 and Corr.1)

The General Assembly decided to hear the observer of Switzerland in the debate on agenda item 20.

The representative of Greece made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/56/L.14.

The representative of Turkey made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/56/L.14.

The representative of Tajikistan made a statement in the course of which she introduced draft resolution A/56/L.15.

The representative of the Bahamas (on behalf of the Caribbean Community) made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/56/L.16.

Statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey), Norway, Egypt, Japan, India, Ukraine, China, the United States, Brazil, Argentina, the Republic of Korea, Mexico, Panama (on behalf of Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua) and Canada.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 31st meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

(a) Trade and development

The Committee began its consideration of sub-item 95 (a).

The President of the forty-eight session of the Trade and Development Board and Permanent Representative of the United Republic of Tanzania to the United Nations Office at Geneva, made an introductory statement.

The Special Coordinator for Africa, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, and the Officer-in-Charge, New York Liaison Office of UNCTAD, made introductory statements.

The Senior Officer, Division for Public Economics and Public Administration, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, also made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Lao People's Democratic Republic (on behalf of the Land-locked Developing Countries) and Nepal.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of sub-item 95 (a).

Globalization and interdependence [105]

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard an introductory statement by the Director of the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of agenda item 105.

High-Level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development [107]

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard an introductory statement by the Rapporteur of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Financing for Development.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of item 107.

Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [101]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.29

The representative of Egypt introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Djibouti.

The Committee was informed that Denmark was not a co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

Deadline for submission of draft proposals

The Chairperson informed the Committee that the deadline for submission of draft proposals under items 95 (a), 95 (b), 95 (d), 104, 105 and 107 would be on Tuesday, 27 November 2001, at 6 p.m.

Organization of work

The Chairperson reminded the Committee that the general discussion of sub-item 98 (f) (Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind) would be held on Wednesday, 28 November, in the morning.

THIRD COMMITTEE 49th meeting

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [119 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.40

The representative of Suriname, also on behalf of Haiti as well as Cameroon and the Democratic Republic of the Congo introduced the draft resolution. Costa Rica and Kenya joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.51

The representative of Ireland, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document as well as Malta, Mauritius, Tunisia and the United States of America, introduced the draft resolution. Afghanistan, Armenia, Suriname and Uruguay joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.52

The representative of India, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document as well as Indonesia, Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Norway, New Zealand, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Thailand and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, introduced the draft resolution. Afghanistan, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Ireland, Italy, Mauritius, Panama, Suriname and Turkey joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.66

The representative of Australia, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Botswana, the Dominican Republic, Fiji, Finland, Haiti, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Malta, Mongolia, Morocco, Panama, Sierra Leone, Suriname, Thailand and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, introduced the draft resolution. The Congo, Kazakhstan, Somalia, the United Republic of Tanzania and Uruguay joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [119 (c)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.45

The representative of the United States, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Bulgaria, Iceland and Malta, introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution. Subsequently, Lithuania and Panama joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Organization of work

The Chairman informed the Committee that, under agenda item 110 (Crime prevention and criminal justice), the Third Committee would report to the Plenary on its consideration of the item and propose that the General Assembly keep item 110 open pending action on two additional draft resolutions by the Economic and Social Council.

The Chairman responded to a question by the representative of India.

The Committee was also informed that consideration of agenda item 117 (Elimination of racism and racial discrimination) would be further delayed as the consultations in Geneva on the results of the Conference against Racism had not yet been concluded.

The Chairman also informed the Committee of the views of the Bureau on the continuing difficulties for the Committee's consideration of item 117 at this stage of its work. He stated that the Bureau would report further, following consultations with regional groups, on the remaining options for the Committee's deliberation.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 29th meeting

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [123]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Safety and security of United Nations personnel

The United Nations Security Coordinator introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/56/469 and Corr.1).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/56/619).

The representative of the United States made a statement.

Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East [134]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

The Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General contained in document A/56/431 and Corr.1.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/56/510 and Corr.1).

Statements were made by the representatives of Lebanon, the Syrian Arab Republic, Israel and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Director of the Peacekeeping Financing Division replied to questions raised.

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone [141]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General contained in document A/56/487.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/56/621).

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), Cuba and the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

The Chairman also made a statement.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Twenty-seventh session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 26 NOVEMBER 2001

79th and 80th meetings

Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights [3]

Follow-up to the day of general discussion on article 15.1 (c)

The Committee adopted a statement on intellectual property and human rights.

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Corrigendum to the summary of the Committee (see *Journal* No. 2001/229, p. 11): on Friday, 23 November, the Committee held two meetings (77th and 78th meetings).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special tribute

There will be special tribute to the memory of Mr. Ismat T. Kittani, former President of the General Assembly, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and senior Iraqi diplomat, on Tuesday, 4 December 2001, at 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, with the participation of the Secretary-General. All attending are kindly requested to be seated in the Chamber by 11.45 a.m

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 28 November 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

11.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Iraq

Other matters

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 1343 (2001) CONCERNING LIBERIA

3.30 p.m.	8th meeting* (closed)	Conference Room 7

* The Chairman of the Committee will give an oral briefing to interested Member States of the United Nations in the same room, immediately following the adjournment of the meeting.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m.	66th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Oceans and the law of the sea [30]

(a) Oceans and the law of the sea

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/58 and Add.1)

(ii) Report on the work of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea at its second meeting (A/56/121)

(iii) Draft resolution (A/56/L.17)

(continued overleaf)

(b) Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/357)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/56/L.18)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	32nd meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Environment and sustainable development: protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind [98 (f)] (A/56/306, 385 and 509)

   Introduction and general discussion

2. Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

   (b) International financial system and development

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.33

   (d) External debt crisis and development

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.32

3. Training and research [104]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.30

4. Globalization and interdependence [105]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.34

5. High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development [107]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.31

3 p.m.	33rd meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Environment and sustainable development: protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind [98 (f)] (A/56/306, 385 and 509)

   Conclusion of general discussion

2. Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

   (a) Trade and development

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.35, L.36, L.37 and L.38

Afternoon*-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Dharmansjah Djumala (Indonesia), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.29 (item 101)

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.35, L.36, L.37 and L.38 (item 95 (a)), A/C.2/56/L.33 (item 95 (b)), A/C.2/56/L.32 (item 95 (d)), A/C.2/56/L.30 (item 104), A/C.2/56/L.34 (item 105) and A/C.2/56/L.31 (item 107)

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* Following the adjournment of the 33rd meeting of the Second Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	51st meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.-4.30 p.m.	52nd meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [114]

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/56/L.72 and L.73

2. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [119 (b)]

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/56/L.62, L.64, L.65, L.67, L.68 and L.71

3. Human Rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [119 (c)]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/56/L.55, L.56, L.57 and L.58

4. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [114]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/56/L.70 and L.74

5. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [119 (b)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/56/L.53, L.60, L.61 and L.63

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	30th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [123]

Safety and security of United Nations personnel (A/56/469 and Corr.1 and A/56/619)

Conclusion of general discussion

2. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East [134]

(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (A/56/ 431 and Corr.1 and A/56/510 and Corr.1)

Conclusion of general discussion

3. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone [141] (A/56/487 and A/56/621)

Conclusion of general discussion

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 134 (b) (Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East: United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (A/56/431 and Corr.1 and A/56/510 and Corr.1)) and 141 (Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (A/56/487 and A/56/621))

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* Following the adjournment of the 30th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

2 p.m.- 4.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 130 (Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/56/381 and A/55/436))

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Draft report

2. Conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Today, 28 November 2001, there will be meetings of interested delegations on the following draft proposals:

Conference Room B: A/C.2/56/L.17/Rev.1 (item 98 (c)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room D: A/C.2/56/L.5 (item 103), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room C: A/C.2/56/L.25 (item 96 (b)), from 10.15 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room 4: A/C.2/56/L.5 (item 103), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

Conference Room 8: A/C.2/56/L.13 (item 99 (a)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and

Conference Room S-2963D: A/C.2/56/L.2 (item 95 (c)), from 3.15 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for these consultations.

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The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet *today*, 28 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 28 November 2001

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 103 (Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty))

9.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 98 (c (Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa))

11.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 117 (Elimination of racism and racial discrimination))

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN GROUP

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on international environmental governance)

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

BRIEFING ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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There will be a meeting of JUSCANZ *(Second Committee) today*, 28 November 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room C.

There will be a meeting of JUSCANZ *(Third Committee) today*, 28 November 2001, from 9 a.m. to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room D.

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Briefing

The Chairman of the United Nations Forum on Forests, Mr. Knut Øistad (Norway), will hold a briefing on preparations for the second session of the Forum, to be held in Costa Rica from 4 to 15 March 2002. The briefing will take place *today*, 28 November 2001, *from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 2*. Members of permanent missions and representatives of United Nations agencies are invited to attend.

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Briefing

There will be a briefing on the Microcredit Summit+5, to be held in November 2002 in New York, organized by the delegation of Bangladesh, *today*, 28 November 2001, from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Ms. Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), will be among the participants. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 29 November 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m. 67th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Reduction of military budgets: report of the First Committee (A/56/526) [64]

2. Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification: report of the First Committee (A/56/527) [65]

3. Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace: report of the First Committee (A/56/528) [66]

4. African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty: report of the First Committee (A/56/529) [67]

5. Maintenance of international security - good-neighbourliness, stability and development in South-Eastern Europe: report of the First Committee (A/56/530) [68]

6. Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security: report of the First Committee (A/56/533) [69]

7. The role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/56/531) [70]

8 Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/56/532) [71]

9. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons: report of the First Committee (A/56/534) [72]

10. Prevention of an arms race in outer space: report of the First Committee (A/56/535) [73]

11. General and complete disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/56/536) [74]

12. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly: report of the First Committee (A/56/537) [75]

13. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session: report of the First Committee (A/56/538) [76]

14. The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/56/539) [77]

15. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects: report of the First Committee (A/56/540) [78]

16. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region: report of the First Committee (A/56/541) [79]

17. Consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco) (A/56/542) [80]

18. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction: report of the First Committee (A/56/543) [81]

19. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty: report of the First Committee (A/56/544) [82]

20. Compliance with arms limitation and disarmament and non-proliferation agreements: report of the First Committee (A/56/545) [83]

RÉUNIONS À VENIR

Jeudi 29 novembre 2001

ASSEMBLÉE GÉNÉRALE

Cinquante-sixième session

10 heures — 67e SÉANCE PLÉNIÈRE — Salle de l'Assemblée générale

1. Réduction des budgets militaires : rapport de la Première Commission (A/56/526) [64]

2. La vérification sous tous ses aspects, y compris le rôle de l'Organisation des Nations Unies dans le domaine de la vérification : rapport de la Première Commission (A/56/527) [65]

3. Application de la Déclaration faisant de l'océan Indien une zone de paix : rapport de la Première Commission (A/56/528) [66]

4. Traité sur une zone exempte d'armes nucléaires en Afrique : rapport de la Première Commission (A/56/529) [67]

5. Maintien de la sécurité internationale – relations de bon voisinage, stabilité et développement en Europe du Sud-Est : rapport de la Première Commission (A/56/530) [68]

6. Les progrès de la téléinformatique dans le contexte de la sécurité internationale : rapport de la Première Commission (A/56/533) [69]

7. Le rôle de la science et de la technique dans le contexte de la sécurité internationale et du désarmement : rapport de la Première Commission (A/56/531) [70]

8. Création d'une zone exempte d'armes nucléaires dans la région du Moyen-Orient : rapport de la Première Commission (A/56/532) [71]

9. Conclusion d'arrangements internationaux efficaces pour garantir les États non dotés d'armes nucléaires contre l'emploi ou la menace de ces armes : rapport de la Première Commission (A/56/534) [72]

10. Prévention d'une course aux armements dans l'espace : rapport de la Première Commission (A/56/535) [73]

11. Désarmement général et complet : rapport de la Première Commission (A/56/536) [74]

12. Examen et application du Document de clôture de la douzième session extraordinaire de l'Assemblée générale : rapport de la Première Commission (A/56/537) [75]

13. Examen de l'application des recommandations et décisions adoptées par l'Assemblée générale à sa dixième session extraordinaire : rapport de la Première Commission (A/56/538) [76]

14. Le risque de prolifération nucléaire au Moyen-Orient : rapport de la Première Commission (A/56/539) [77]

15. Convention sur l'interdiction ou la limitation de l'emploi de certaines armes classiques qui peuvent être considérées comme produisant des effets traumatiques excessifs ou comme frappant sans discrimination : rapport de la Première Commission (A/56/540) [78]

16. Renforcement de la sécurité et de la coopération dans la région de la Méditerranée : rapport de la Première Commission (A/56/541) [79]

17. Renforcement du régime défini par le Traité visant l'interdiction des armes nucléaires en Amérique latine et dans les Caraïbes (Traité de Tlatelolco) (A/56/542) [80]

18. Convention sur l'interdiction de la mise au point, de la fabrication et du stockage des armes bactériologiques (biologiques) ou à toxines et sur leur destruction : rapport de la Première Commission (A/56/543) [81]

19. Traité d'interdiction complète des essais nucléaires : rapport de la Première Commission (A/56/544) [82]

20. Respect des accords de limitation des armements, de désarmement et de non-prolifération : rapport de la Première Commission (A/56/545) [83]

21. Examen de l'application de la Déclaration sur le renforcement de la sécurité internationale : rapport de la Première Commission (A/56/546) [84]

15 heures — 68e SÉANCE PLÉNIÈRE — Salle de l'Assemblée générale

Question de Palestine [41]

a) Rapport du Comité pour l'exercice des droits inaliénables du peuple palestinien (A/56/35)

b) Rapport du Secrétaire général (A/56/642)

c) Projets de résolution (A/56/L.19, A/56/L.20, A/56/L.21, A/56/L.22)

Commissions

DEUXIÈME COMMISSION

10 heures	34e séance	Salle de conférence 2
15 heures	consultations officieuses (privées)	Sera annoncée

TROISIÈME COMMISSION

10 heures	53e séance	Salle de conférence 1
15 heures	54e séance	Salle de conférence 1

CINQUIÈME COMMISSION

10 heures	consultations officieuses (privées)	Salle de conférence 5
14 heures	consultations officieuses (privées)	Salle de conférence 5

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COMITÉ CONSULTATIF POUR LES QUESTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES ET BUDGÉTAIRES

10 h 30	séance privée	Salle de conférence 10
15 heures	séance privée	Salle de conférence 10

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ASSEMBLÉE GÉNÉRALE

Consultations officieuses sur le point 35
(Appui du système des Nations Unies aux efforts déployés par les gouvernements pour promouvoir et consolider les démocraties nouvelles ou rétablies)

Des consultations officieuses sur le point 35 de l'ordre du jour auront lieu le jeudi 29 novembre à 13 h 15 dans la salle de conférence 2.

Consultations officieuses sur le point 20
(Renforcement de la coordination de l'aide humanitaire et des secours en cas de catastrophe fournis par l'Organisation des Nations Unies, y compris l'assistance économique spéciale)

Des consultations officieuses sur les projets de proposition soumis au titre du point 20 et de ses alinéas auront lieu sous la conduite de S.E. M. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg) le jeudi 29 novembre à 15 heures dans la salle de conférence E.

Consultations officieuses sur le point 38
(Assistance à l'action anti-mines)

Des consultations officieuses à participation non limitée sur le projet de résolution relatif au point 38 de l'ordre du jour, organisées par la délégation de la Belgique (au nom de l'Union européenne), auront lieu le vendredi 30 novembre 2001 à 10 heures dans la salle de conférence E. Toutes les délégations intéressées sont invitées.

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, 23 November 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Gabriela Martinic (Argentina), Chairperson of Working Group II dealing with agenda item 5 (Practical confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms) of the Disarmament Commission, would like to remind all delegations that the Working Group requested her to gather information on documents and meetings on existing confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms, to be provided by the delegations, preferably by 1 December 2001, on the understanding that they might submit further information at a later stage (tel.: (212) 688-6300, extension 226; fax: (212) 980-8395).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Secretariat of the United Nations.

There will be a closed meeting of the Group of Western European and Other States on Thursday, 29 November 2001, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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There will be a meeting of the Commonwealth on "Financing for Development: The Route to Monterrey", on Friday, 30 November 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Friday, 30 November 2001, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Seminar

The seminar on "Towards Empowered Development: Shifting the Frontiers", organized by the World Bank, scheduled for Thursday, 29 November 2001, has been postponed until further notice.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the German Management Academy (DMAN) are jointly organizing the annual Campus on Public-Private Partnership for Development of Infrastructure and Social Services. The campus, to be conducted in English, will be held in New York from Tuesday to Friday, 4 to 7 December 2001, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 and 963-9196).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is conducting a workshop on team development. This workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Tuesday, 18 December 2001, from 9.45 to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and on Wednesday, 19 December, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, an outline of activities and a nomination form, was addressed to all Permanent Missions in New York. Members from United Nations agencies are also encouraged to apply. The registration deadline is Tuesday, 11 December. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 and 963-9196).

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As from Thursday, 1 November 2001, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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A Web site of the Presidency of the Security Council has been established with effect on Thursday, 1 November 2001 and can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/ga/president. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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The Web sites of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.un.org/arabic/documents/SCCommittees/1373; http://www.un.org/chinese/aboutun/prinorgs/sc/committees/1373/1373.htm; http://www.un.org/docs/sc/committees/1373; http://www.un.org/french/docs/sc/committees/1373; http://www.un.org/russian/documen/scdocs/committees/1373; and http://www.un.org/spanish/docs/comites/1373/index.html.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org *or* http://www.un.int/indonesia.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Un ion, statements made at the United Nations on behalf o the European Union are available at the following Wel site address: http://www.un.int/belgium.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 27 November 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

4427th meeting

The situation concerning Western Sahara

Letter dated 12 November 2001 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2001/1067)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2001/1109, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/2001/1109).

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2001/1109) received 15 votes in favour, none against, and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1380 (2001).

4428th meeting

The situation in the Middle East

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (S/2001/1079)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2001/1110, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/2001/1110).

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2001/1110) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1381 (2001).

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2001/37).

4429th meeting

International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Rwanda and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended invitations under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure to Judge Claude Jorda, President of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the former Yugoslavia since 1991, Judge Navanethem Pillay, President of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January 1994 and 31 December 1994, and Ms. Carla Del Ponte, Prosecutor of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the former Yugoslavia since 1991 and of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January 1994 and 31 December 1994.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard briefings by the President of the International Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, the President of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and the Prosecutor of the International Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda.

The Council was addressed by His Excellency Mr. Jean de Dieu Mucyo, Minister for Justice of Rwanda.

Statements were made by the representatives of Yugoslavia and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The representative of Singapore, Ireland, Norway, Colombia, the Russian Federation, China, Tunisia, Mali, Mauritius, the United Kingdom, France and Ukraine made comments or asked questions.

The Prosecutor and the Presidents of the Tribunals provided clarifications in response to the comments and questions by members of the Council.

4430th meeting

Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998), 1203 (1998), 1239 (1999) and 1244 (1999)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Belgium and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Hédi Annabi, Assistant Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations.

The Council began its consideration of the item.

The Council then heard a briefing under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by the Assistant Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mali, China, Tunisia, Colombia, Singapore, the Russian Federation, Bangladesh, Mauritius, Ukraine, France, Ireland, the United Kingdom, Norway and the United States, and by the President, speaking in her capacity as the representative of Jamaica.

Statements were then made by the representatives of Belgium (speaking on behalf of the European Union and the Central and Eastern Europe associated with the European Union – Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, the Czech Republic, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia – and the associated countries, Cyprus, Malta and Turkey, and also Liechtenstein, the EFTA country belonging to the European Economic Area, which aligned themselves with the statement) and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

Mr. Annabi responded to comments and questions posed by members of the Council.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

64th plenary meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/56/345/Add.1) [125]

The General Assembly took note that Seychelles had made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter.

Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba [34]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/276 and Add.1)

(b) Draft resolution (A/56/L.9)

Statements were made by the representatives of Malaysia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, South Africa, Mexico, the Syrian Arab Republic and the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

H.E. Mr. Felipe Pérez Roque, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cuba, made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/56/L.9.

Statements were made by the representatives of China, Venezuela, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Myanmar, Zambia, Iraq, Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Viet Nam, Belarus and Namibia.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), the United States, Norway, Uruguay, Japan, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Russian Federation.

By 167 votes to 3, with 3 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/56/L.9 (resolution 56/9).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 34.

65th plenary meeting

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/384 and Corr.1) [20]

(a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations:

(i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/56/95 A/56/307)

(ii) Note by the Secretary-General (A/55/649)

(iii) Draft resolution (A/56/L.14)

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions:

(i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/56/158, A/56/264, A/56/269, A/56/338, A/56/361, A/56/389, A/55/412, A/56/470 and A/56/632)

(ii) Draft resolutions (A/56/L.15, L.16)

(c) Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/447)

(d) Participation of volunteers, "White Helmets", in the activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/308)

(e) Assistance to the Palestinian people: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/123 and Corr.1)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 20.

Statements were made by the representatives of Belarus, the Russian Federation, Mongolia and Indonesia.

The observer of Palestine made a statement.

In accordance with the decision taken by the General Assembly at its 63rd plenary meeting, the observer of Switzerland made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 45/6 of 16 October 1990, the observer for the International Committee of the Red Cross made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 49/2 of 19 October 1994, the observer for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies made a statement.

Members were informed that action on draft resolution A/56/L.14 was postponed to a later date.

The Assembly adopted draft resolutions A/56/L.15 (resolution 56/10) and A/56/L.16 (resolution 56/11).

The representative of Israel made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

The observer of Palestine made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

The Assembly was informed that other draft resolutions would be submitted at a later date under agenda item 20 and its sub-items.

Programme of work

The Assembly was informed that sub-item (f), entitled "Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan", would be considered together with agenda item 43 (The situation of Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security) at a later date.

Oceans and the law of the sea [30]

(a) Oceans and the law of the sea

(i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/56/58 and Add.1)

(ii) Report on the work of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea at its second meeting (A/56/121)

(iii) Draft resolutions (A/56/L.17)

(b) Agreement for the Implementation of the Provision of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks

(i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/56/357)

(ii) Draft resolutions (A/56/L.18)

The representative of Brazil made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/56/L.17.

The representative of the United States made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/56/L.18.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Norway, Nauru (on behalf of the Pacific Islands Forum), Monaco and India.

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE 50th meeting

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [114]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.70

The representative of the Russian Federation, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Kyrgyzstan, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Sweden and Turkmenistan, introduced the draft resolution. Afghanistan, Croatia, Cyprus and Norway joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

iii) Projet de résolution (A/56/L.14)

b) Assistance économique spéciale à certains pays ou régions

i) Rapports du Secrétaire général (A/56/158, A/56/264, A/56/269, A/56/338, A/56/361, A/56/389, A/56/412, A/56/470 et A/56/632);

ii) Projets de résolution (A/56/L.15, A/56/L.16)

c) Renforcement de la coopération internationale et coordination des efforts déployés pour étudier et atténuer le plus possible les conséquences de la catastrophe de Tchernobyl : rapport du Secrétaire général (A/56/447)

d) Participation de volontaires, les "Casques blancs", aux opérations de secours humanitaires et aux activités de relèvement et de coopération technique pour le développement entreprises par l'Organisation des Nations Unies : rapport du Secrétaire général (A/56/308)

e) Assistance au peuple palestinien : rapport du Secrétaire général (A/56/123 et Corr.1)

L'Assemblée générale poursuit l'examen du point 20 de l'ordre du jour.

Des déclarations sont faites par les représentants du Bélarus, de la Fédération de Russie, de la Mongolie et de l'Indonésie.

L'observateur de la Palestine fait une déclaration.

Conformément à la décision prise par l'Assemblée générale à sa 63e séance plénière, l'observateur de la Suisse fait une déclaration.

Conformément à la résolution 45/6 de l'Assemblée générale datée du 16 octobre 1990, l'observateur du Comité international de la Croix-Rouge fait une déclaration.

Conformément à la résolution 49/2 de l'Assemblée générale datée du 19 octobre 1994, l'observateur de la Fédération internationale des Sociétés de la Croix-Rouge et du Croissant-Rouge fait une déclaration.

Les membres sont informés que la décision sur le projet de résolution A/56/L.14 est reportée à une date ultérieure.

L'Assemblée adopte les projets de résolution A/56/L.15 (résolution 56/10) et A/56/L.16 (résolution 56/11).

Le représentant d'Israël exerce le droit de réponse.

L'observateur de la Palestine exerce le droit de réponse.

L'Assemblée est informée que d'autre projets de résolution seront soumis à une date ultérieure au titre du point 20 et de ses alinéas.

Programme de travail

L'Assemblée est informée que l'alinéa f), intitulé "Assistance internationale d'urgence pour le rétablissement de la paix et de la normalité en Afghanistan", sera examiné à une date ultérieure en même temps que le point 43 (La situation en Afghanistan et ses conséquences pour la paix et la sécurité internationales).

Les océans et le droit de la mer [30]

a) Les océans et le droit de la mer

i) Rapports du Secrétaire général (A/56/58 et Add.1)

ii) Rapport sur les travaux du Processus consultatif officieux des Nations Unies sur les océans et le droit de la mer ouvert à tous sur les travaux de la deuxième réunion (A/56/121)

iii) Projets de résolution (A/56/L.17)

b) Accord aux fins de l'application des dispositions de la Convention des Nations Unies sur le droit de la mer du 10 décembre 1982 relatives à la conservation et à la gestion des stocks de poissons dont les déplacements s'effectuent tant à l'intérieur qu'au-delà de zones économiques exclusives (stocks chevauchants) et des stocks de poissons grands migrateurs

i) Rapports du Secrétaire général (A/56/357)

ii) Projets de résolution (A/56/L.18)

Le représentant du Brésil fait une déclaration au cours de laquelle il présente le projet de résolution A/56/L.17.

Le représentant des États-Unis fait une déclaration au cours de laquelle il présente le projet de résolution A/56/L.18.

Des déclarations sont faites par les représentants de la République islamique d'Iran (au nom du Groupe des 77 et de la Chine), de la Norvège, de Nauru (au nom du Forum des Îles du Pacifique), de Monaco et de l'Inde.

Commissions

TROISIÈME COMMISSION 50e séance

Rapport du Haut Commissaire des Nations Unies pour les réfugiés, questions relatives aux réfugiés, aux rapatriés et aux personnes déplacées et questions humanitaires [114]

La Commission reprend l'examen de la question.

Présentation du projet de résolution A/C.3/56/L.70

Le représentant de la Fédération de Russie présente le projet de résolution, au nom des auteurs énumérés dans le document, ainsi que des pays ci-après : Allemagne, Autriche, Belgique, Danemark, Finlande, France, Irlande, Italie, Kirghizistan, Luxembourg, Pays-Bas, Portugal, Suède et Turkménistan. Les pays suivants se portent coauteurs du projet de résolution : Afghanistan, Chypre, Croatie et Norvège.

Présentation du projet de résolution A/C.3/56/L.74

Le représentant de la Finlande présente et révise oralement le projet de résolution, au nom des auteurs énumérés dans le document, ainsi que des pays ci-après : Bahamas et Soudan. Les pays suivants se portent coauteurs du projet de résolution : Bélarus et Ghana.

Questions relatives aux droits de l'homme, y compris les divers moyens de mieux assurer l'exercice effectif des droits de l'homme et des libertés fondamentales [119 b)]

La Commission reprend l'examen de la question.

Présentation du projet de résolution A/C.3/56/L.53

Le représentant des États-Unis présente le projet de résolution, au nom des auteurs énumérés dans le document, ainsi que des pays ci-après : Islande, Inde, Malte et Slovaquie. Les pays suivants se portent coauteurs du projet de résolution : Afghanistan, Azerbaïdjan, Bangladesh, Bélarus, Burundi, Cameroun, Cap-Vert, Géorgie, Ghana, Guyana, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Lituanie, Madagascar, Malawi, Micronésie (États fédérés de), Nicaragua, Nigéria, République démocratique du Congo, République dominicaine, Sierra Leone et Uruguay.

Présentation du projet de résolution A/C.3/56/L.59

Le représentant de l'Algérie présente le projet de résolution, au nom des auteurs énumérés dans le document, ainsi que de la Géorgie. Les pays suivants se portent coauteurs du projet de résolution : Colombie, Costa Rica, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Madagascar et Mauritanie.

Présentation du projet de résolution A/C.3/56/L.60

Le représentant de l'Autriche présente et révise oralement le projet de résolution, au nom des auteurs énumérés dans le document, ainsi que des pays ci-après : Arménie, Malte et Thaïlande. Les pays suivants se portent coauteurs du projet de résolution : Afghanistan, Cameroun, Érythrée, Ghana, Nicaragua, Nigéria, République de Moldova, Sénégal et Sierra Leone.

Présentation du projet de résolution A/C.3/56/L.61

Le représentant de l'Autriche présente et révise oralement le projet de résolution, au nom des auteurs énumérés dans le document, ainsi que des pays ci-après : Arménie, Malte t Soudan. Les pays suivants se portent coauteurs du projet de résolution : Bélarus, Bolivie, Érythrée, Nigéria et République de Moldova.

Présentation du projet de résolution A/C.3/56/L.63

Le Président informe la Commission que l'Italie et non pas Israël doit être un auteur original du projet de résolution.

Le représentant de la Norvège présente le projet de résolution, au nom des auteurs énumérés dans le document, ainsi que des pays ci-après : Brésil, France, Malte et République de Moldova. Les pays suivants se portent coauteurs du projet de résolution : Afghanistan, Mozambique et Nicaragua.

Présentation du projet de résolution A/C.3/56/L.69

Le représentant de la République démocratique du Congo présente le projet de résolution, également au nom des pays suivants : Angola, Burundi, Cameroun, Congo, Gabon, Guinée équatoriale, République centrafricaine, Sao Tomé-et-Principe et Tchad.

Situations relatives aux droits de l'homme et rapports des rapporteurs et représentants spéciaux [119 c)]

La Commission reprend l'examen de la question.

Présentation du projet de résolution A/C.3/56/L.50

Le représentant de la Belgique présente et révise oralement le projet de résolution, au nom des auteurs énumérés dans le document, ainsi que de l'Australie, l'Estonie, l'Islande, Malte et le Suriname.

Droit des peuples à l'autodétermination [118]

La Commission reprend l'examen de la question.

Décision sur le projet de résolution A/C.3/56/L.31 (et incidences sur le budget-programme : A/C.3/56/L.77)

La Commission est informée qu'un état des incidences sur le budget-programme soumis par le Secrétaire général, conformément à l'article 153 du règlement intérieur de l'Assemblée générale, figure dans le document A/C.3/56/L.77.

Le représentant de Cuba annonce que l'Algérie s'est portée coauteur du projet de résolution. Ultérieurement, l'Inde, Madagascar et la Namibie se portent coauteurs du projet de résolution.

La Commission adopte le projet de résolution par 92 voix 20, avec 30 abstentions (vote enregistré).

Les représentants des États-Unis, de la Belgique (au nom de l'Union européenne) et de l'Arménie expliquent leur vote après le vote.

Des déclarations concernant leur vote sont faites par les représentants des pays suivants : Paraguay, Guatemala, Pakistan, Myanmar et Maurice.

La Commission termine ainsi l'examen du point 118 de l'ordre du jour.

Questions relatives aux droits de l'homme, y compris les divers moyens de mieux assurer l'exercice effectif des droits de l'homme et des libertés fondamentales [119 b)]

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.52

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of India announced that Bangladesh and Slovenia had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Benin, Cameroon, Chile, Colombia, Denmark, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Georgia, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Madagascar, Malawi, Malta, Mongolia, Nigeria, Philippines, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, the Russian Federation, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Tunisia, Ukraine, Venezuela and Zambia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.66

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget.

The representative of Australia orally revised the text and announced that Cape Verde, Eritrea, France Ghana, Micronesia (Federated States of), Myanmar, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Paraguay, South Africa, Slovakia, Togo and Venezuela had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Benin, Burundi, Cambodia, Guinea, Honduras, the Republic of Moldova, Rwanda, Somalia, Tunisia, Uganda and Zambia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [119 (c)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.54

The Chairman read out the oral correction that had been made to the text when the draft resolution was introduced.

The representative of the United States orally revised the draft resolution.

Subsequently, the Republic of Moldova joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Yugoslavia; after the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Venezuela, the Sudan and Croatia.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement on the organization of the Committee's work.

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Corrigendum to the summary of the 49th meeting of the Third Committee (see *Journal* No. 2001/230, p. 13)

(a) Under agenda item 119 (b), *Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.66*, the Congo should be deleted from the list of co-sponsors;

(b) Under agenda item 119 (c), the draft resolution introduced *should read* A/C.3/56/L.54 *instead* of A/C.3/56/L.45.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

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COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
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United Nations Office at Geneva

TUESDAY, 27 NOVEMBER 2001

81st (closed) meeting

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

(b) Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant

The Committee discussed and adopted the concluding observations on the second periodic report of Algeria (E/1990/6/Add.26).

82nd meeting

Adoption of the report [9]

The Committee continued its consideration of its draft annual report to the Economic and Social Council, in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/17.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer adopted by the Ninth Meeting of the Parties. Montreal, 17 September 1997

Acceptance: Togo (26 November 2001)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Beijing, 3 December 1999

Acceptance: Togo (26 November 2001)*

Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Accession: Azerbaijan (27 November 2001)*

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Signature: Sierra Leone (27 November 2001)

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* Date of reception of the relevant documents.

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Signature: Sierra Leone (27 November 2001)

Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Signature: Sierra Leone (27 November 2001)

Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Signature: Sierra Leone (27 November 2001)

Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 31 May 2001

Signature: Sierra Leone (27 November 2001)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DPI/NGO Communications Workshop

The Communications Workshop on the theme "NGOs Working with UN-based Media", held as part of the DPI/NGO weekly briefings, will take place on Thursday, 29 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Labouisse Hall, UNICEF House (3 United Nations Plaza), and from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are also invited to attend. The briefings are organized by the Department of Public Information (DPI). For further information, please contact Mr. Oleg Dzioubinski, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel.: (212) 963-1859).

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World AIDS Day

World AIDS Day will be observed on Friday, 30 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4. A townhall meeting on the theme "I Care… Do You?", will also highlight 2001 as the International Year of Volunteers. Mr. Shashi Tharoor, Interim Head of the Department of Public Information, will make welcoming remarks. The President of the General Assembly, the Deputy Secretary-General and Desmond Johns, representative of UNAIDS Office in New York, will make opening remarks. Participants will include Nane Annan; Thoraya Ahmed Obaid, Executive Director, UNFPA, and Chairperson, Committee of Co-sponsoring Agencies of UNAIDS; Eduardo Doryan, Special Representative to the United Nations, the World Bank Group; Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Director, UNIFEM; André Roberfroid, Deputy Executive Director, UNICEF; Eimi Watanabe, Assistant Administrator and Director, Bureau for Development Policy, UNDP; Mia Farrow, UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador; Wendy Fitzwilliam, Miss Universe 1998 and Goodwill Ambassador for HIV/AIDS; and Danny Glover, UNDP Goodwill Ambassador. The moderator will be Daljit Dhaliwal, News Anchor, ITN, London. The observance is co-sponsored by DPI, UNAIDS, UNICEF, UNDP, UNFPA, ILO, WHO, the World Bank, UNIFEM and UNV. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Special tribute

There will be special tribute to the memory of Mr. Ismat T. Kittani, former President of the General Assembly, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and senior Iraqi diplomat, on Tuesday, 4 December 2001, at 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, with the participation of the Secretary-General. All attending are kindly requested to be seated in the Chamber by 11.45 a.m.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 29 November 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

3 p.m. (sharp) 4431st meeting Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation between Iraq and Kuwait

Report of the Secretary-General pursuant to paragraph 5 of resolution 1360 (2001) (S/2001/1089)

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED
PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 1373 (2001)
CONCERNING COUNTER-TERRORISM

3 p.m. 12th (closed) meeting Conference Room 7

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m. 68th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Reduction of military budgets: report of the First Committee (A/56/526) [64]
2. Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification: report of the First Committee (A/56/527) [65]
3. Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace: report of the First Committee (A/56/528) [66]

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4. African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty: report of the First Committee (A/56/529) [67]

5. Maintenance of international security - good-neighbourliness, stability and development in South-Eastern Europe: report of the First Committee (A/56/530) [68]

6. Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security: report of the First Committee (A/56/533) [69]

7. The role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/56/531) [70]

8. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/56/532) [71]

9. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons: report of the First Committee (A/56/534) [72]

10. Prevention of an arms race in outer space: report of the First Committee (A/56/535) [73]

11. General and complete disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/56/536) [74]

12. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly: report of the First Committee (A/56/537) [75]

13. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session: report of the First Committee (A/56/538) [76]

14. The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/56/539) [77]

15. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects: report of the First Committee (A/56/540) [78]

16. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region: report of the First Committee (A/56/541) [79]

17. Consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco) (A/56/542) [80]

18. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction: report of the First Committee (A/56/543) [81]

19. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty: report of the First Committee (A/56/544) [82]

20. Compliance with arms limitation and disarmament and non-proliferation agreements: report of the First Committee (A/56/545) [83]

21. Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security: report of the First Committee (A/56/546) [84]

3 p.m. 69th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Question of Palestine [41]

(a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/56/35)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/642)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/56/L.19, A/56/L.20, A/56/L.21, A/56/L.22)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	34th meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries [106] (A/56/222-S/2001/736, A/56/306 and A/56/358)

   (a) Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (A/56/297 and Corr.1, A/56/306, A/56/434, A/56/645 and Add.1 and A/C.2/56/5)

   (b) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 (A/56/208 and A/56/306)

   Introduction and general discussion

2. Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

   (b) International financial system and development

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.33

   (d) External debt crisis and development

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.32

3. Globalization and interdependence [105]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.34

4. High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development [107]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.31

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	52nd meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.- 4.30 p.m.	53rd meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [119 (b)]

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/56/L.67/Rev.1 and L.71

2. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [119 (c)]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.56

3. Advancement of women [112]

   Action on revised draft resolutions A/C.3/56/L.21/Rev.1 and A/C.3/56/L.22

4. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [114]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/56/L.72 and L.73

5. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [119 (b)]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/56/L.40, L.42/Rev.1, L.49, L.62, L.63, L.65 and L.68

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
2 p.m.- 4.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003(A/56/6 and Corr.1, A/56/7, A/56/16, A/C.5/56/10/Rev.1 and A/C.5/56/11/Rev.2))

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COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	261st meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Integrated Management Information System (IMIS)

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 35 (Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies)

There will be informal consultations on agenda item 35 *today*, 29 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg) *today*, 29 November 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room E.

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Today, 29 November 2001, there will be meetings of interested delegations on the following draft proposals:

Conference Room E: A/C.2/56/L.21 (item 97 (a)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Room C-209B: A/C.2/56/L.17/Rev.1 (item 98 (c)), from 12 noon to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room E: A/C.2/56/L.14 (item 99 (b)), from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.; and

Economic and Social Council Chamber: A/C.2/56/L.13 (item 99 (a)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for these consultations.

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The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet *today*, 29 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 29 November 2001

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 103 (Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)))

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 98 (c (Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa))

11 a.m. - 12 noon	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 102 (Implementation of the Habitat Agenda and the outcome of the special session of the General Assembly on this topic) and agenda item 12 (Report of the Economic and Social Council))

1 p.m. - 3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 99 (b) (Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries) and draft resolution on the Industrial development of Africa)

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHER STATES GROUP

4 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 98 (g) (Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme, 1996-2005))

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

BRIEFING ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL
FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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There will be a meeting of JUSCANZ *(Third Committee) today*, 29 November 2001, from 9 a.m. to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room E.

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Briefing

There will be a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Admistrative and Budgetary Questions, for members of the Eastern European Group, on Fifth Committee matters *today*, 29 November 2001, from 9 a.m. to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 30 November 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

3 p.m. 70th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

The situation in the Middle East [42]

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/56/480, A/56/642)

(b) Draft resolutions (A/56/L.23, A/56/L.24)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	35th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	To be announced

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	54th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	55th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
2 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 38 (Assistance in mine action)

Open-ended informal consultations (fourth) on the draft resolution under agenda item 38, organized by the delegation of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), will be held on Friday, 30 November 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room E. All delegations are invited to attend.

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In accordance with resolution 55/75, adopted by the General Assembly on 4 December 2000, the Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the 2002 Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will convene for the first time in Geneva on Monday, 3 December 2001, at 3 p.m. in Room XVII at the Palais des Nations.

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The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Friday, 7 December 2001, at 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

There will be informal consultations to prepare negotiations on the consolidated text of the International Strategy for Action on Ageing from 3 to 7 December 2001 in Conference 1. The informal consultations will begin on Monday, 3 December, at 3 p.m.

The resumed session of the Preparatory Committee for the Second World Assembly on Ageing will be held from 10 to 14 December 2001.

The consolidated text of the International Strategy may be viewed and downloaded on the Web site of the United Nations Programme on Ageing (http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/ageing/waa/strategycons.doc). Copies of the text are also available outside of the office of Mr. John Langmore, Director, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (room DC2-1370).

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Bob F. Jalang'o (Kenya), on Tuesday, 4 December 2001, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room 9.

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (4-15 March 2002). There will be two panels focusing on the following thematic issues being taken up by the Commission: (1) Eradicating poverty, including through the empowerment of women throughout their life cycle in a globalizing world; and (2) Environmental management and mitigation of natural disasters: a gender perspective. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1259), no later than Friday, 7 December 2001.

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Gabriela Martinic (Argentina), Chairperson of Working Group II dealing with agenda item 5 (Practical confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms) of the Disarmament Commission, would like to remind all delegations that the Working Group requested her to gather information on documents and meetings on existing confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms, to be provided by the delegations, preferably by 1 December 2001, on the understanding that they might submit further information at a later stage (tel.: (212) 688-6300, extension 226; fax: (212) 980-8395).

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There will be a meeting of JUSCANZ *(Third Committee)* on Friday, 30 November 2001, from 9 a.m. to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room E.

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There will be a meeting of the Commonwealth on "Financing for Development: The Route to Monterrey", on Friday, 30 November 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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The meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole *(at the ambassadorial level)*, scheduled for Friday, 30 November 2001, has been postponed until Wednesday, 5 December, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Informal meeting

An informal meeting, organized by the delegation of India, to discuss the draft resolution under agenda item 21 (f) (Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union) will be held on Friday, 30 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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Briefing

Mr. Timothy Lemay of the United Nations Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention (ODCCP) will make a presentation on the Global Programme against Money Laundering (GPML) on Monday, 3 December 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 9. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the German Management Academy (DMAN) are jointly organizing the annual Campus on Public-Private Partnership for Development of Infrastructure and Social Services. The campus, to be conducted in English, will be held in New York from Tuesday to Friday, 4 to 7 December 2001, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 and 963-9196).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) are jointly organizing a workshop on international trade negotiations, as part of their International Trade Series. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held from Monday to Thursday, 10 to 13 December 2001, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at United Nations Headquarters.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all Permanent Missions in New York. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 5 December. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9684 and 963-9196).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is conducting a workshop on team development. This workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Tuesday, 18 December 2001, from 9.45 to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and on Wednesday, 19 December, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, an outline of activities and a nomination form, was addressed to all Permanent Missions in New York. Members from United Nations agencies are also encouraged to apply. The registration deadline is Tuesday, 11 December. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 and 963-9196).

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As from Thursday, 1 November 2001, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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A Web site of the Presidency of the Security Council has been established with effect on Thursday, 1 November 2001 and can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/ga/president. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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The Web sites of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.un.org/arabic/documents/SCCommittees/1373; http://www.un.org/chinese/aboutun/prinorgs/sc/committees/1373/1373.htm; http://www.un.org/docs/sc/committees/1373; http://www.un.org/french/docs/sc/committees/1373; http://www.un.org/russian/documen/scdocs/committees/1373; and http://www.un.org/spanish/docs/comites/1373/index.html.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org *or* http://www.un.int/indonesia.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: http://www.un.int/belgium.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 28 November 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

66th plenary meeting

Oceans and the law of the sea [30]

(a) Oceans and the law of the sea

(i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/56/58 and Add.1)

(ii) Report on the work of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea at its second meeting (A/56/121)

(iii) Draft resolutions (A/56/L.17)

(b) Agreement for the Implementation of the Provision of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks

(i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/56/357)

(ii) Draft resolutions (A/56/L.18)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 30.

Statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Chile (on behalf of the Rio Group), Argentina, Japan, China, Iceland, Australia, Uruguay, the Russian Federation, Mexico, Fiji, Viet Nam, the Republic of Korea, Papua New Guinea and Nigeria.

67th plenary meeting

Oceans and the law of the sea [30]

(a) Oceans and the law of the sea

(i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/56/58 and Add.1)

(ii) Report on the work of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea at its second meeting (A/56/121)

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(i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/56/357)

(ii) Draft resolutions (A/56/L.18)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 30.

Statements were made by the representatives of Malta, the Federated States of Micronesia, Indonesia, Ukraine, Jamaica, New Zealand and Canada.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/6 of 24 October 1996, the Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority made a statement.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Turkey, Chile and Venezuela.

By 121 votes to 1, with 4 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/56/L.17 (resolution 56/12).

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/56/18 (resolution 56/13).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Peru, Argentina, Norway and Japan.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 30.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 32nd meeting

Environment and sustainable development: protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind [98 (f)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item and heard an introductory statement by the Executive Director of the secretariat for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), the Russian Federation, Slovakia, Japan, Bangladesh, China, Kenya, Ukraine, Bahrain and the United States, as well as by the observers for the Holy See and Switzerland.

The representative of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies made a statement.

The Executive Director of the secretariat for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change made a statement in response to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general consideration of the sub-item.

Deadline for the submission of draft proposals

The Committee was reminded that the deadline for the submission of draft proposals under the sub-item 98 (f)) was Thursday, 29 November, at 6 p.m.

33rd meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

(a) Trade and development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.35

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.36

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.37

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.38

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Training and research [104]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.30

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Statements were made by the representatives of Portugal (on behalf of the European Union) and the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

The Secretary of the Committee responded to questions raised.

THIRD COMMITTEE 51st meeting

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [114]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.72

The representative of Uganda, on behalf of the African Group, as well as Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Norway, Portugal and Sweden, introduced the draft resolution. Croatia, France, Greece, Ireland, Italy and Luxembourg joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.73

The representative of the Sudan, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, and Jordan, introduced the draft resolution. Benin, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Nicaragua, Niger, Sierra Leone and Turkey joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [119 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.62

The representative of Norway, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Afghanistan, Botswana, Japan, Malta, Morocco, Nicaragua, Paraguay and the Republic of Moldova, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution. Benin, the Dominican Republic, Honduras and Mauritius joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.65

The representative of Canada, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document as well as Cameroon, France, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Malta and Portugal, introduced the draft resolution. Croatia, Benin, Georgia and Sierra Leone joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.68

The representative of Japan, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document as well as Malta, the Netherlands and San Marino, introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution. Belgium and Italy joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [119 (c)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.55

The representative of Sweden, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Andorra, Belgium, Estonia, Greece, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, the Netherlands, New

Zealand and Slovenia, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

Introduction on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.57

The representative of Belgium, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Iceland, Japan, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta and San Marino, introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution.

*Introduction on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.58**

The representative of Belgium, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Australia, Czech Republic, Iceland, Japan, Malta and San Marino, introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [114]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.70

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Kazakhstan joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.74

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Finland announced that Guinea had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Congo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Honduras, Mauritius and Tunisia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [119 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.53

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Colombia, Ecuador, Fiji, Guatemala, Honduras, the Republic of Moldova and the United Republic of Tanzania joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 146 to none, with 6 abstentions.

The representative of Cuba made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

A statement was made by the representative of Poland (also on behalf of Chile, Czech Republic, India, Mali, Mexico, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, South Africa and the United States).

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.60

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary of the Committee read out the revisions that had been made to the text at the time of introduction.

Benin, Belarus, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Honduras, Iceland and Suriname joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of the United States made a statement.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.61

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary of the Committee read out the revisions that had been made to the text at the time of introduction.

Benin, El Salvador, Honduras, Iceland, Kenya, Mauritius and Suriname joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.63

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Benin, Burundi, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Marshall Islands and Suriname joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Following statements by the representatives of the Sudan, Norway, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, India and Djibouti, the Committee decided to defer action on the draft resolution.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 30th meeting

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [123]

Safety and security of United Nations personnel (A/56/469 and Corr.1 and A/56/619)

The Committee resumed its general discussion of this question.

Statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta, Turkey and Liechtenstein), the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Argentina, New Zealand (on behalf of Australia, Canada and New Zealand), Norway, India and Egypt.

The United Nations Security Coordinator made a concluding statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin the following week under the chairmanship of Ms. Eva Silot Bravo (Cuba).

Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East [134]

(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (A/56/431 and Corr.1 and A/56/510 and Corr.1)

The Committee resumed its general discussion of this sub-item.

The representative of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta, Turkey and Norway) made a statement on agenda items 134 (b) and 141.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this sub-item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this item would begin on that day, Wednesday, 28 November, following the adjournment of the formal meeting under the chairmanship of Mr. Durga Bhattarai (Nepal) Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic spoke on a point of clarification.

The Director of the Peacekeeping Financing Division replied to the point of clarification.

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone [141] *(A/56/487 and A/56/621)*

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

In the absence of speakers, the Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this item would begin on that day, Wednesday, 28 November, following the adjournment of the formal meeting under the chairmanship of Mr. Santiago Wins (Uruguay) Rapporteur of the Committee.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and Egypt.

The Secretary of the Committee replied to a question raised.

The Chairman made a statement.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to article 43 (2) of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. New York, 12 December 1995

Acceptance: Sierra Leone (27 November 2001)*

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* Date of reception of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of two video-films entitled "Gaza Under Siege" and "Mahmoud Darwish: As the Land is the Language". Both films will be shown *today*, 29 November, at 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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DPI/NGO Communications Workshop

The Communications Workshop on the theme "NGOs Working with UN-based Media", held as part of the DPI/NGO weekly briefings, will take place *today*, 29 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Labouisse Hall, UNICEF House (3 United Nations Plaza), and from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are also invited to attend. The briefings are organized by the Department of Public Information (DPI). For further information, please contact Mr. Oleg Dzioubinski, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel.: (212) 963-1859).

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Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 29 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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World AIDS Day

World AIDS Day will be observed on Friday, 30 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4. A townhall meeting on the theme "I Care... Do You?", will also highlight 2001 as the International Year of Volunteers. Mr. Shashi Tharoor, Interim Head of the Department of Public Information, will make welcoming remarks. The President of the General Assembly, the Deputy Secretary-General and Desmond Johns, representative of UNAIDS Office in New York, will make opening remarks. Participants will include Nane Annan; Thoraya Ahmed Obaid, Executive Director, UNFPA, and Chairperson, Committee of Co-sponsoring Agencies of UNAIDS; Eduardo Doryan, Special Representative to the United Nations, the World Bank Group; Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Director, UNIFEM; André Roberfroid, Deputy Executive Director, UNICEF; Eimi Watanabe, Assistant Administrator and Director, Bureau for Development Policy, UNDP; Wendy Fitzwilliam, Miss Universe 1998 and Goodwill Ambassador for HIV/AIDS; and Danny Glover, UNDP Goodwill Ambassador. The moderator will be Daljit Dhaliwal, News Anchor, ITN, London. The observance is co-sponsored by DPI, UNAIDS, UNICEF, UNDP, UNFPA, ILO, WHO, the World Bank, UNIFEM and UNV. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Special tribute to Mr. Ismat T. Kittani

There will be special tribute to the memory of Mr. Ismat T. Kittani, former President of the General Assembly, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and senior Iraqi diplomat, on Tuesday, 4 December 2001, at 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, with the participation of the Secretary-General. All attending are kindly requested to be seated in the Chamber by 11.45 a.m.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 30 November 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m. (sharp)	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Afghanistan

Other matters

Morning*	4432nd meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. Wrap-up discussion on the work of the Security Council for the current month

   Letter dated 7 November 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2001/1055)

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* To be held following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m.	70th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Question of Palestine [41]

   (a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/56/35)

   (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/642)

   (c) Draft resolutions (A/56/L.19, A/56/L.20, A/56/L.21, A/56/L.22)

(continued overleaf)

2. The situation in the Middle East [42]

   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/56/480, A/56/642)

   (b) Draft resolutions (A/56/L.23, A/56/L.24)

3 p.m. 71st PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

The situation in the Middle East [42]

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/56/480, A/56/642)

(b) Draft resolutions (A/56/L.23, A/56/L.24)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 35th meeting Conference Room 2

1. Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries [106] (A/56/222-S/2001/736, A/56/306 and A/56/358)

   (a) Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (A/56/297 and Corr.1, A/56/306, A/56/434, A/56/645 and Add.1 and A/C.2/56/5)

   (b) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 (A/56/208 and A/56/306)

   Conclusion of general discussion

2. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.42

3. Environment and sustainable development: protection of global climate forpresent and future generations of mankind [98 (f)]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.41

4. Implementation of the Habitat Agenda and the outcome of the special session of the General Assembly on this topic [102]

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.39 and L.40

3 p.m.-6 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 2

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.27 (item 12), L.35, L.36, L.37 and L.38 (item 95 (a)), A/C.2/56/L.33 (item 95 (b)), A/C.2/56/L.32 (item 95 (d)), A/C.2/56/L.30 (item 104), A/C.2/56/L.34 (item 105) and A/C.2/56/L.31 (item 107)

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Dharmansjah Djumala (Indonesia), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.12 (item 98 (b))

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 53rd meeting Conference Room 1

3 p.m.-4.30 p.m. 54th meeting Conference Room 1

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

   Action on draft decision A/C.3/56/L.79

2. Advancement of women [112]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/56/L.20/Rev.1 (and programme budget implications contained in A/C.3/56/L.76) and L.22

3. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [113]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.80 submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations

4. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [119 (b)]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/56/L.43/Rev.1, L.59, L.64, L.67/Rev.1, L.69 (and programme budget implications contained in A/C.3/56/L.81) and L.71

5. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [119 (c)]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/56/L.50, L.55, L.56/Rev.1 (and programme budget implications contained in A/C.3/56/L.83), L.57, L.58/Rev.1 and L.82

6. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

   Action on document A/C.3/56/L.75

7. Suspension of the work of the session

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 122 (Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001) and 133 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations): Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly: Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.23 (Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects) (A/C.5/55/46 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and A/56/478)

2 p.m.-4.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 (A/56/6 and Corr.1, A/56/7, A/56/16, A/C.5/56/10/Rev.1 and A/C.5/56/11/Rev.2))

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Preparation for the Second World Assembly on Ageing
2. The use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination
3. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
4. Special session of the General Assembly on children
5. Development of an international radio broadcasting capacity for the United Nations

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 38 (Assistance in mine action)

Open-ended informal consultations (fourth) on the draft resolution under agenda item 38, organized by the delegation of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), will be held *today*, 30 November 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room E. All delegations are invited to attend.

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Today, 30 November 2001, there will be meetings of interested delegations on the following draft proposals:

Room C-209B: A/C.2/56/L.3 (item 95 (c)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room C: A/C.2/56/L.13 (item 99 (a)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room C: A/C.2/56/L.14 (item 99 (b)), from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.;

Economic and Social Council Chamber: A/C.2/56/L.5 (item 103), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

Conference Room B: A/C.2/56/L.13 (item 99 (a)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

Conference Room C: A/C.2/56/L.2 (item 95 (c)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and

Conference Room E: A/C.2/56/L.25 (item 96 (b)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for these consultations.

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The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet *today*, 30 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 30 November 2001

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 103 (Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)))

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 97 (a) (Women in development))

1.30 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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There will be a meeting of JUSCANZ *(Third Committee) today*, 30 November 2001, from 9 a.m. to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room E.

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There will be a meeting of the Commonwealth on "Financing for Development: The Route to Monterrey", *today*, 30 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Informal meeting

An informal meeting, organized by the delegation of India, to discuss the draft resolution under agenda item 21 (f) (Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union) will be held *today*, 30 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 3 December 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m. — 72nd PLENARY MEETING — General Assembly Hall

1. The situation in the Middle East [42]
   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/56/480, A/56/642)
   (b) Draft resolutions (A/56/L.23, A/56/L.24)
2. Question of Palestine [41]
   (a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/56/35)
   (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/642)
   (c) Draft resolutions (A/56/L.19, A/56/L.20, A/56/L.21, A/56/L.22)

3 p.m. — 73rd PLENARY MEETING — General Assembly Hall

Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa [48]
   (a) Report of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group on the Causes of conflict and the Promotion of Durable Peace and Sustainable Development in Africa (A/56/45)
   (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/371)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	31st meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
2 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 31st meeting of the Second Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (a) (Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 20 (a), organized by the delegation of Sweden, will be held on Tuesday, 4 December 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room B. All delegations are invited to attend.

Informal consultations on agenda item 35 (Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies)

There will be informal consultations on agenda item 35 on Tuesday, 4 December 2001, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel, under agenda item 20, organized by the delegation of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), will be held on Tuesday, 4 December 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room B. All delegations are invited to attend.

Informal consultations on agenda item 33 (Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 33, organized by the delegation of Greece, will be held on Wednesday, 5 December 2001, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 8. All delegations are invited to attend.

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In accordance with resolution 55/75, adopted by the General Assembly on 4 December 2000, the Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the 2002 Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will convene for the first time in Geneva on Monday, 3 December 2001, at 3 p.m. in Room XVII at the Palais des Nations.

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The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Friday, 7 December 2001, at 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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SECURITY COUNCIL

The 227th (closed)* meeting of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq et Kuwait will be held on Monday, 3 December 2001, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in the same conference room, immediately after the meeting. Following the oral briefing to members of the United Nations, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

There will be informal consultations to prepare negotiations on the consolidated text of the International Strategy for Action on Ageing from 3 to 7 December 2001 in Conference 1. The informal consultations will begin on Monday, 3 December, at 3 p.m.

The resumed session of the Preparatory Committee for the Second World Assembly on Ageing will be held from 10 to 14 December 2001.

The consolidated text of the International Strategy may be viewed and downloaded on the Web site of the United Nations Programme on Ageing (http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/ageing/waa/strategycons.doc). Copies of the text are also available outside of the office of Mr. John Langmore, Director, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (room DC2-1370).

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Bob F. Jalang'o (Kenya), on Tuesday, 4 December 2001, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room 9.

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (4-15 March 2002). There will be two panels focusing on the following thematic issues being taken up by the Commission: (1) Eradicating poverty, including through the empowerment of women throughout their life cycle in a globalizing world; and (2) Environmental management and mitigation of natural disasters: a gender perspective. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1259), no later than Friday, 7 December 2001.

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Following consultations with delegations, the Facilitator for the International Conference on Financing for Development, Mr. Mauricio Escanero, has scheduled the release of the revised draft outcome document of the Conference for Thursday, 6 December 2001, at which time it will be posted on the Financing for Development Web site (http://www.un.org/esa/ffd).

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Ms. Gabriela Martinic (Argentina), Chairperson of Working Group II dealing with agenda item 5 (Practical confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms) of the Disarmament Commission, would like to remind all delegations that the Working Group requested her to gather information on documents and meetings on existing confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms, to be provided by the delegations, preferably by 1 December 2001, on the understanding that they might submit further information at a later stage (tel.: (212) 688-6300, extension 226; fax: (212) 980-8395).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Secretariat of the United Nations.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on the Second World Assembly on Ageing)* on Monday, 3 December 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 (*on agenda item 98 (c) (Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa))* on Monday, 3 December 2001, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 7.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 (*on the International Conference on Financing for Development)* on Monday, 3 December 2001, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole *(at the ambassadorial level),* on Wednesday, 5 December 2001, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Briefing

Mr. Timothy Lemay of the United Nations Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention (ODCCP) will make a presentation on the Global Programme against Money Laundering (GPML) on Monday, 3 December 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 9. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the German Management Academy (DMAN) are jointly organizing the annual Campus on Public-Private Partnership for Development of Infrastructure and Social Services. The campus, to be conducted in English, will be held in New York from Tuesday to Friday, 4 to 7 December 2001, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 and 963-9196).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) are jointly organizing a workshop on international trade negotiations, as part of their International Trade Series. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held from Monday to Thursday, 10 to 13 December 2001, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at United Nations Headquarters.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all Permanent Missions in New York. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 5 December. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9684 and 963-9196).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is conducting a workshop on team development. This workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Tuesday, 18 December 2001, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and on Wednesday, 19 December, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, an outline of activities and a nomination form, was addressed to all Permanent Missions in New York. Members from United Nations agencies are also encouraged to apply. The registration deadline is Tuesday, 11 December. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 and 963-9196).

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As from Thursday, 1 November 2001, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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A Web site of the Presidency of the Security Council has been established with effect on Thursday, 1 November 2001 and can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/ga/president. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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The Web sites of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.un.org/arabic/documents/SCCommittees/1373; http://www.un.org/chinese/aboutun/prinorgs/sc/committees/1373/1373.htm; http://www.un.org/docs/sc/committees/1373; http://www.un.org/french/docs/sc/committees/1373; http://www.un.org/russian/documen/scdocs/committees/1373; and http://www.un.org/spanish/docs/comites/1373/index.html.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org *or* http://www.un.int/indonesia.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: http://www.un.int/belgium.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 29 November 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

4431st meeting

The situation between Iraq and Kuwait

Report of the Secretary-General pursuant to paragraph 5 of resolution 1360 (2001) (S/2001/1089)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2001/1123, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations, and made an oral revision to the text in its provisional form.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/2001/1123) before it, as orally revised in its provisional form.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2001/1123), as orally revised in its provisional form, received 15 votes in favour none against and no abstentions; and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1382 (2001).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

68th plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 68th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2001/234).

69th plenary meeting

Question of Palestine [41]

(a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestine People (A/56/35)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/642)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/56/L.19, A/56/L.20, A/56/L.21, and A/56/L.22)

The Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolutions A/56/L.19, A/56/L.20, A/56/L.21 and A/56/L.22.

The Rapporteur of the Committee introduced the Committee's report (A/56/35).

The Head of the Observer Delegation of Palestine made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Malaysia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Algeria, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mauritius, India, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey), Israel and Cuba.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 34th meeting

Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries [106]

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard an introductory statement by the Officer-in-charge of the New York Liaison Office of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Belgium (on behalf of the European Union, Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey), the Russian Federation, Japan and Norway.

Deadline for the submission of draft proposals

The Committee was reminded that the deadline for the submission of draft proposals under agenda item item 106 was Monday, 3 December, at 6 p.m.

Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

(b) International financial system and development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.33

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced the draft on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

(d) External debt crisis and development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.32

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Globalization and interdependence [105]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.34

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development [107]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.31

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

THIRD COMMITTEE 52nd meeting

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement pertaining to document A/C.3/56/L.63.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [119 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.67/Rev.1

The representative of Mexico, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document as well as Brazil, introduced the revised draft resolution. Argentina, Honduras and Suriname joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.71

The representative of Mexico, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document as well as Portugal, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution. Bangladesh, Honduras, Mauritius, the Sudan, Suriname, Sri Lanka, Tunisia and Turkey joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [119 (c)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.56

The representative of Belgium, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Australia, Estonia, Japan, Malta, San Marino and Slovenia introduced and orally revised the draft resolution. Subsequently, the Czech Republic joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Advancement of women [112]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.21/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Suriname orally revised the revised draft resolution and announced that Belgium, Germany, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Spain and Trinidad and Tobago had joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Chile, Colombia, Croatia, Cyprus, Fiji, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Honduras, Ireland, Italy, Panama, the Philippines and Uganda joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the revised draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [114]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.72

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Uganda announced that Austria, Brazil, Chile, Spain, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.73

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Angola joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

Draft decision

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to take note of the note by the Secretary-General on the Audit of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Operations in Albania (A/56/128).

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 114.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [119 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.40

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Suriname orally revised the draft resolution and announced that Antigua and Barbuda, Belize, Benin, Cameroon, Costa Rica, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominica, Grenada, Kenya, Saint Kitts and Nevis and Saint Lucia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Fiji, Namibia, the Netherlands, Sierra Leone and Togo joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Haiti.

The representative of the United States made an oral correction to the text.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised and corrected, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Egypt and Suriname.

Action of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.42/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the revised draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of South Africa made a statement.

The Committee adopted the revised draft resolution, without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.49

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran orally revised the draft resolution and announced that Bangladesh, Thailand and the United Republic of Tanzania had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Comoros, Haiti, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Suriname and Togo joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Chile and Canada.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.62

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary of the Committee read out the revisions that had been made to the text at the time of introduction.

The representative of Norway announced that Mali and Sierra Leone had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Cambodia, Colombia, Kenya, Lesotho, Suriname and Tunisia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and India made statements.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.63

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Norway orally revised the draft resolution.

Mauritius joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Egypt.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.65

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Canada orally revised the draft resolution.

Cape Verde and the Russian Federation joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.68

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications

The Secretary of the Committee read out a correction that had been made to the text at the time of introduction.

Greece joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Cambodia.

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [113]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Carlos Enrique García González (El Salvador), reported on the results of the informal consultations that had taken place on the Chairman's text contained in document A/C.3/56/L.80.

Organization of work

The Committee's attention was drawn to a draft decision contained in document A/C.3/56/L.79, recommending that the Committee hold a resumed session.

The representative of India made a statement.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement regarding her vote on document A/C.3/56/L.53.

The Chairman made a statement regarding the organization of the Committee's work.

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COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE
OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS
OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE 261st meeting

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

The Chairman made a statement.

The President of the General Assembly made a statement.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

The President of the Security Council made a statement.

The Permanent Observer of Palestine read out a message from Mr. Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization and President of the Palestinian Authority.

The Chairman of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and other Arabs of the Occupied Territories made a statement.

The representative of South Africa read a message from the Chairman of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries.

The representative of Mali read a message from the Chairman of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

The representative of Zambia read a message from the Chairman of the Organization of African Unity.

The Chargé d'Affaires for the Office of the Permanent Observer for the League of Arab States read a message from the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States.

Mr. Don Betz made a statement on behalf of the international network of NGOs on the question of Palestine.

Messages on the occasion were received from the Heads of State of the following countries: Algeria, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Egypt, Guinea, Guyana, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jordan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Maldives, Morocco, Namibia, Pakistan, Poland, Qatar, Russian Federation, Senegal, Slovak Republic, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Tunisia, Turkey and Viet Nam.

Messages were received from the Heads of Government of the following countries: Belarus, China, India, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritius and Thailand.

Messages were received from the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the following countries: Azerbaijan, Burkina Faso, Japan, Madagascar, Romania, Syrian Arab Republic and Ukraine.

Messages were received from the Governments of Burundi, Uruguay and Venezuela.

A message was received from the European Union, the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity and the Secretary-General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

A message was received from UNESCO.

Messages were received from the following non-governmental organizations: Association des Études Internationales, Committee for Israeli-Palestinian Dialogue, Indo-Arab Friendship Association, International Progress Organization and Society of Inash EI-Usr Al-BirehIPalestine.

A statement was made by the Head of the Political Department of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

A concluding statement was made by the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.

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83rd (closed) meeting

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

(b) Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant

The Committee discussed and adopted concluding observations on the initial report of Croatia (E/1990/5/Add.46).

84th (closed) meeting

The Committee discussed and adopted concluding observations on the second periodic report of Jamaica (E/1990/6/Add.28).

THURSDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2001

85th (closed) meeting

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

(b) Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant

The Committee discussed and adopted the concluding observations on the second periodic report of Jamaica (E/1990/6/Add.28).

86th (closed) meeting

The Committee discussed and adopted the concluding observations on the second periodic report of Colombia (E/C.12/4/Add.6).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. London, 29 June 1990

Accession: Micronesia (Federated States of) (27 November 2001)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Copenhagen, 25 November 1992

Accession: Micronesia (Federated States of) (27 November 2001)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer adopted by the Ninth Meeting of the Parties. Montreal, 17 September 1997

Accession: Micronesia (Federated States of) (27 November 2001)*

* Date of reception of the relevant documents.

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Beijing, 3 December 1999

Accession: Micronesia (Federated States of) (27 November 2001)*

Entry into force: 25 February 2002, in accordance with article 3(1) of the Amendment.

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Signature: Saudi Arabia (29 November 2001)

* Date of reception of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

World AIDS Day

World AIDS Day will be observed *today*, 30 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4. A town-hall meeting on the theme "I Care... Do You?", will also highlight 2001 as the International Year of Volunteers. Mr. Shashi Tharoor, Interim Head of the Department of Public Information, will make welcoming remarks. The President of the General Assembly, the Deputy Secretary-General and Desmond Johns, representative of UNAIDS Office in New York, will make opening remarks. Participants will include Nane Annan; Thoraya Ahmed Obaid, Executive Director, UNFPA, and Chairperson, Committee of Co-sponsoring Agencies of UNAIDS; Eduardo Doryan, Special Representative to the United Nations, the World Bank Group; Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Director, UNIFEM; André Roberfroid, Deputy Executive Director, UNICEF; Eimi Watanabe, Assistant Administrator and Director, Bureau for Development Policy, UNDP; Wendy Fitzwilliam, Miss Universe 1998 and Goodwill Ambassador for HIV/AIDS; and Danny Glover, UNDP Goodwill Ambassador. The moderator will be Daljit Dhaliwal, News Anchor, ITN, London. The observance is co-sponsored by DPI, UNAIDS, UNICEF, UNDP, UNFPA, the ILO, WHO, the World Bank, UNIFEM and UNV. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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International Day of Disabled Persons

On the occasion of the International Day of Disabled Persons, an art exhibit entitled "United Colors", co-sponsored by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be launched on Monday, 3 December 2001, at 6 p.m. at the south end of the lobby of the Secretariat Building.

Also in observance of the International Day, a panel discussion on "New Approaches to Assess Progress and Evaluate Outcomes", organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be held on Thursday, 6 December 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9. More information about the International Day will be available on the Internet at the following address: (http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/enable/disobs.htm).

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Special tribute to Mr. Ismat T. Kittani

There will be special tribute to the memory of Mr. Ismat T. Kittani, former President of the General Assembly, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and senior Iraqi diplomat, on Tuesday, 4 December 2001, at 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, with the participation of the Secretary-General. All attending are kindly requested to be seated in the Chamber by 11.45 a.m.

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